Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Am I to understand then that Government are not amenable to reason once they have made a decision.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: After the abolition of the holidays may I ask whether the Government have stated that these working days might be observed as holidays for any other community?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it a fact that the Christian Community is exempted from attending Courts during special holidays for that community?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: During the Easter the Christians are granted that privilege.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: In view of that have the Government any objection in allowing this concession to the Hindu community, *i. e.*, observing the working days as holidays?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That is a matter for consideration.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankran: May I ask if such concessions are allowed whether it will not affect the litigant public?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: In the interest of work it was decided by Government not to restore these holidays.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether the Magistrates' courts enjoy vacations like Civil Courts?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No.

Passengers and vehicles crossing the Periyar at Kalady.

35. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of passengers and vehicles crossing the Periyar river at the crossing of the Main Central Road at Kalady?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*)

The information is not available as traffic census is not being taken continuously during any year.

Mr. G. Naryana Aiyar: May I know whether any special officer was deputed to take account of the travellers that pass and repass at the crossing of the Periyar river at Kaladi?

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Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes, from the 1st to the 7th January 1935.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the statement recorded by that officer relates to the number of passengers or vehicles that passed through that place?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: He took only a list of the passengers and the actual number is 8,189.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether that figure represents the passengers for one month or for one week?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: One week.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there is any place in the Main Central Road where there is a river and no bridge except this crossing?

Mr. G. B. E Truscott: I do not think so.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of the importance of traffic will the Government be pleased to take steps for the construction of a bridge at an early date.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I may inform the member that traffic in the Alwaye river crossing is heavier in one day than traffic in the crossing, referred to by the member, in a week.

Mr G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know when the question of constructing the Alwaye bridge will be taken up?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: That is a question of policy.

Delay in the completion of the Rubber Factory building at Chackai

36. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam (*Muvattupuzha cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether explanations have been called for from the officers entrusted with the work and their pay withheld, for the delay in the completion of the building for the rubber factory which is to be started immediately at Chackai; and

(*b*) if so, the names of the officers from whom explanations have been called for and of the persons whose pay has been withheld and for how long?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Explanations have not been called for. The pay of the officers entrusted with the work was withheld.

(*b*) The first part of the question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*). The pay of the Division Officer, Trivandrum, the Superintendent, P. W. D. Workshops and Stores Division and the Foreman, P. W. D. Workshops, Trivandrum, for the month of Kumbhom 1110, was withheld for a period of two weeks.

(The answer was read also in Malayalam.)

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